

Statement

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Good afternoon Senator Looney, Representative Janowski and Members of the Executive and Legislative Nominations Committee.

My name is Stephen Edwards. I am honored that Governor Rell has nominated me to serve as an Ad Hoc member of the Board of Directors of the Connecticut Resources Recovery Authority and honored to stand before you today to speak of my commitment and qualifications to serve my community on this board. I strongly believe in the mission of the Connecticut Resources Recovery Authority and feel that this can only be accomplished through the concerted efforts of a strong, well informed group of Directors.

I received my masters' degree in Environmental Engineering from the University of Connecticut, School of Engineering in 1973 and a Bachelor of Science from Bethany College in West Virginia in 1970. While working for an environmental consulting firm in Nyack, New York, I took a number of post graduate courses in Environmental Health at Fordham University and New York University in the late 1970's and early 1980's. I continued to work for Lawler, Matusky, Skelly Engineers in Nyack, till 1985 when I accepted a position as Deputy Director of Public Works for the Town of Westport, Connecticut. At that time, I first became familiar with the Connecticut Resources Recovery Authority as the Town of Westport alternate representative to the Solid Waste Advisory Board (SWAB) for the Bridgeport Project. In 1990, I became the Director of Public Works for the Town of Westport as well as the Town of Westport representative to SWAB and the newly formed Southwest Connecticut Regional Recycling Operating Committee (SWEROC).

Since 2001, I have served on the Executive Board of SWAB and SWEROC as the Secretary and in 2005 I accepted the nomination as President of both SWAB and

SWEROC.

In these capacities, as a member of and more recently as an officer of SWAB and SWEROC, I have developed a close working relationship with CRRA staff and have been impressed with their dedication and professionalism. As an Ad Hoc Member to CRRA I feel I can provide more than 20 years of experience in solid waste management and recycling in Connecticut. As a member of the SWAB negotiating committee, I was involved in the recently completed re-negotiation of the Bridgeport Project and hope to lend that experience to the Board of Directors as they negotiate several successor agreements which will shape solid waste and recycling in Connecticut for many years to come. I would welcome the opportunity to work with a dedicated group of individuals like the CRRA Board to ensure the future solid waste and recycling needs of the State of Connecticut are met in a sound environmental and cost effective approach.

It would be both a personal and professional privilege to continue serving on the CRRA Board and I welcome any questions you may have regarding my nomination.

Thank you for your time and consideration, and I'd be happy to answer any questions you may have.